

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**Monday
December 3, 2001
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland**

Members Present

Maurine Willis
Bickley Foster
John Cohoon
Bob Wine
David Pendergraft
Rosalie Bradley

Members Absent

Veronica Casados
Linda Matney
Bob Schreck
John VanWallegen

Guests

Listed at end

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Sharon Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests, as well as asking DAB members present to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 5, 2001, were approved with the following amendments:

- ✓ DAB Youth member Kyle Irwin name was added to the attendance list;
- ✓ On page 4, under the Day Reporting Center; it was noted by Cathy Holdeman that the City had offered to lease a temporary space on Dewy and Main Streets to the SER Corporation. (Cohoon/Wine 6-0)

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted. (Wine/Pendergraft 6-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

No items were submitted

PLANNING

No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

1. CIP Presentation

Matt Jordan, City Manager's office staff gave a brief overview of the proposed *Capital Improvement Plan for 2002-2011* and discussed a few of the Plan highlights. Handouts were previously sent to the DAB members for review. One list included a condensed version of proposed projects for District VI and the second list includes projects for the entire proposed ten-year plan. **Jordan** proceeded to cover the highlights of District VI

scheduled for year 2002 which included arterial street improvements on Main from Douglas to Murdock; the bike path on Zoo Blvd from Central to Westdale; the North Regional Branch Library; sewer rehabilitation in Midtown and Riverside. **Jordan** finished by stating the plan would be reviewed by MAPC this month and then to City Council in January for approval. Also, included in the CIP presentation was the introduction of several City Department Directors. Attending were **Steve Lackey**, Public Works, **David Warren**, Water and Sewer and **Doug Kupper**, Parks. The presentation was then opened for questions.

Member Foster asked what was the *Key Elements Tour Master Plan*? **Jordan** responded the River Corridor Plan, some expansion to Old Town, remodeling of Century II and Art Museum renovations. **Member Pendergraft** asked if the monies were federal and state funded and if they were now available for these projects. **Lackey** responded that certain amounts of money were given on an annual basis, which included grants to assist with construction only. **Foster** also asked about the money to be used for sidewalks. **Lackey** responded that there would be \$50,000 for sidewalks yearly and the City is under mandate by the American Disabilities Act for all sidewalks to be wheelchair accessible. Sidewalk costs around \$10.00 a foot. There is not enough money to cover all sidewalks that need replaced or repaired.

Member Willis asked about the storm water pump station at 37th and Woodrow, when would it be constructed? **Lackey** responded there was no date yet, and there was only money for the design.

Member Wine inquired what were GO funds? Response was General Obligation Tax Levy funds. Also, **Wine** inquired about the storm water drainage improvements for Douglas and West streets? **Lackey** responded this was listed under District IV CIP proposed projects.

Member Bradley wanted to know about Minisa Park and what would be taking place there? **Kupper** stated that the swimming pool and the public building would be renovated, to bring them up to code.

Council Member Fearey asked about Schell Park? Did we only get part of what was needed? **Kupper** responded that Schell was never in the CIP. There was a need for a youth soccer field. \$60,000 was used on the field and another \$60,000 for the whole project. Some trees have been planted and picnic tables have been added. The neighborhood association needs to meet with me to see what else is needed for the park. **Foster** inquired about *Kingsbury Park* and **Kupper** responded that it was a City owned park and we plan to retain ownership to create a park. It has 400 acres of parkland and possible to sell the sand and utilize the sources for park amenities. Maybe a lake would be included.

With no further questions, **Jordan** stated that the plan could possibly be reviewed again at a later date.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

2. **Police Report**

Officer Hungria, Patrol West reported on Club Paradise: as of November 29th there continues to be disturbances and shootings. Since December the license changed on the drinking establishment. There have only been 5 cases, which were officer generated. Hungria has spoken to the neighbors and reported they said things have gotten quieter and crowds are smaller. Possible the club owner will change the establishment to a restaurant.

Officer Ryan, Patrol North: Four North High students were caught spray-painting, all 16 years old. They were caught at 3100 N. Arkansas and the youth admitted to also huffing the paint. This Friday, December 7th, 50 students from Pleasant Valley Middle School and 12 officers and 10-15 volunteers will go out and pick up tires from 8 am till noon. Evergreen parking lot will be the central location for drop-off. More volunteers are needed.

3. **River Corridor Improvement Plan**

Presentation on the plan explained the phases of development. Enhancement to Keeper of the Plains Statue with connecting bridges crossing the Arkansas River, new bike path and future boat landing near Veteran's Memorial Park.

Phase 1-b includes an amphitheatre site, which will serve a crowd around 5,000-7,000 people with possible room for growth.

Phase 1-c includes the area around the Broadview Hotel. Cleaning up the area and stairways from the river walk leading up to the street.

Phase 2 will include a promenade, sidewalk bazaars for River Festival with series of overlooks.

Member Bradley inquired where will parking go for 5,000-7,000 people? Response was there will be small parking for the performers, some parking along McLean. The West Bank Stage proved not having parking works. Possible public/private partnerships. Utilize Lawrence Dumont has 1100 parking spaces, Hyatt Hotel with 500 parking spaces. There should be sufficient parking within the walking area. Bradley also wanted to know where the money will come from for this project? For Phase 1, 1-b and 2 will be a total of \$29 million. \$5million from private sources.

Member Cohoon stated that North of the Broadview Hotel is a parking lot not being used. For some reason the owners are not wanting to use it at this time. This needs to be looked at.

Member Foster wanted to know if the River Festival Staff had looked at this plan? Yes and they have been to some workshops. Also, **Foster** asked if the amphitheater structure would stay in place when not used? Yes, it is made of Teflon and has a life expectancy of 25 years. **Foster** stated money should be spent on the River Corridor Plan than purchasing Kingsbury.

Final comment: the Amphitheater is important to attract people on a weekly basis and the need to use the urban core area after 5pm.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

4. **CSBG Review Committee**

New appointee to the committee was made. Maurine Willis, Sherwood Glen Neighborhood Association president will serve.

*****Action taken: Member appointed

5. **Review letter to MAPC from DAB VI**

Members discussed the letter that was provided at the November meeting and decided that a better understanding of the change from CPO (Citizen Participation Organization) to DAB (District Advisory Board) was needed.

*****Action taken: Council Member Fearey will discuss the change with Joan Cole and possibly a few other participants who were involved in the transition. A report will be given at the January DAB meeting.

6. **Selection of First Pro-Tem**

*****Action taken: David Pendergraft was selected as first Pro-Tem (**Bradley/Wine 6-0**)
Rosalie Bradley was selected as second Pro-Tem (**Wine/Pendergraft 6-0**)

7. **Problem Properties**

The 18th street Bridge crossing the Little River is covered with graffiti.

*****Action taken: Receive and follow up with appropriate departments.

8. **Updates on Previous Issues from Council Member**

- Maintenance along 25th street east of Broadway
- Slip lining project along Sim Park.
- Lighting along River path near cowtown.
- Curbing and pavement work from 15th to 18th street along St. Paul
- Fire station relocation update

*****Action taken: Receive and file.

9. **Neighborhood Reports**

DAB Members will be allowed time to give reports from their neighborhood/homeowners groups on what events/activities are taking place throughout their areas.

No Reports were made.

*****Action taken: Receive and file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. HOPE Park, located at 1457 N. Emporia, had new playground equipment installed less than a month ago. A fire was set on one of the platforms and will now need to be replaced at a cost of \$873.00. Please be aware in case this happens in any neighborhood park.
- B. Expansion of Maintenance Facility for the Water Department
- C. Changes at Minisa Park
- D. ZON2001-00069- for December 19th DAB/ no second meeting in December, this case will be heard in January

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Merl & Bonnie Hollis
Anne McFarren
Vivian Wasser
Jerry Prichard
Claire Willenberg

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Staff present

Henry Jackson
Steve Lackey
Monty Robson
Rob Younkin
Kurt Skinner
Tom Spencer
Santiago Hungria
Jay Newton
David Warren
John Ryan
Doug Kupper

CMO staff
Public Works
Staff
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WPD
Finance
Water
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